# **HOUSE BILL No. 1282**

### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 16-34-2-1.1.

**Synopsis:** Abortion informed consent. Requires that the information that is required to be given a pregnant woman before the woman undergoes an abortion must be given both orally and in writing. (Current law requires that the information be given only orally).

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

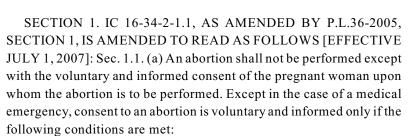
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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:



- (1) At least eighteen (18) hours before the abortion and in the presence of the pregnant woman, the physician who is to perform the abortion, the referring physician or a physician assistant (as defined in IC 25-27.5-2-10), an advanced practice nurse (as defined in IC 25-23-1-1(b)), or a midwife (as defined in IC 34-18-2-19) to whom the responsibility has been delegated by the physician who is to perform the abortion or the referring physician has orally informed the pregnant woman orally and in writing of the following:
  - (A) The name of the physician performing the abortion.



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1	(B) The nature of the proposed procedure or treatment.	
2	(C) The risks of and alternatives to the procedure or treatment.	
3	(D) The probable gestational age of the fetus, including an	
4	offer to provide:	
5	(i) a picture or drawing of a fetus;	
6	(ii) the dimensions of a fetus; and	
7	(iii) relevant information on the potential survival of an	
8	unborn fetus;	
9	at this stage of development.	
10	(E) The medical risks associated with carrying the fetus to	
11	term.	
12	(F) The availability of fetal ultrasound imaging and	
13	auscultation of fetal heart tone services to enable the pregnant	
14	woman to view the image and hear the heartbeat of the fetus	
15	and how to obtain access to these services.	_
16	(2) At least eighteen (18) hours before the abortion, the pregnant	
17	woman will be orally informed orally and in writing of the	U
18	following:	
19	(A) That medical assistance benefits may be available for	
20	prenatal care, childbirth, and neonatal care from the county	
21	office of family and children.	
22	(B) That the father of the unborn fetus is legally required to	
23	assist in the support of the child. In the case of rape, the	
24	information required under this clause may be omitted.	_
25	(C) That adoption alternatives are available and that adoptive	
26	parents may legally pay the costs of prenatal care, childbirth,	
27	and neonatal care.	
28	(3) The pregnant woman certifies in writing, before the abortion	V
29	is performed, that the information required by subdivisions (1)	
30	and (2) has been provided.	
31	(b) Before an abortion is performed, the pregnant woman may, upon	
32	the pregnant woman's request, view the fetal ultrasound imaging and	
2.2	hear the auscultation of the fetal heart tone if the fetal heart tone is	



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audible.